

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Judson Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

TOLBERT CHURCH, HENRY COUNTY, ALA.,

OCTOBER 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH, 1889.

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OFFICERS:

J. W. FOSTER,.....MODERATOR.....Abbeville, Ala.
W. A. McCLENDON,.....CLERK.....Abbeville, Ala.
J. B. WARD,.....TREASURER.....Abbeville, Ala.

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The next session will be held with Pleasant Grove Church,
beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1890.

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MINUTES.

THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CONVENED FOR ITS THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION WITH TOLBERT CHURCH, HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 4TH, 1889.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Malone. As an introductory to the service, Brother Malone read the 26th Psalm, after which prayer was offered by Brother Dawson, of Bethel Georgia Association. Brother Malone preached from Matt. xvi. chap. xviii verse.

Brother Aris Armstrong closed the services with a few well-timed remarks, and singing "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord." Prayer was offered by Brother A. L. Martin, benediction by Brother Malone.

The body adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

At 2 o'clock the body was called to order by J. W. Foster, the former Moderator.

After offering a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, Brother E. M. Knowles, of the Columbia Association read the 19th Psalm and offered prayer.

The Moderator appointed Brother J. B. Ward, J. W. Thomas and R. W. Miller to read the letters from the churches presented by the messengers, and the names of the messengers was recorded as follows:

1. Abbeville—G. B. Weaver, E. A. Saunders, T. A. Trawick and W. W. Nobles
2. Adoniram—J. F. Boon and W. A. Herndon.
3. Bethel—J. W. Malone, A. L. Ray and J. W. White.
4. Beulah—J. J. Boyett and J. W. Pittman.
5. Christian Grove—R. B. Lee and Jesse Braswell.
6. Center—J. M. Wells and Jasper Roney.
7. Concord—J. W. Knowles and Samuel Bracken.
8. Fellowship—M. M. Murphy and J. M. Key.
9. Friendship—S. A. Savell, J. F. Phillips and Wm. Phillips.
10. Headland—J. A. Campbell, J. R. White and W. H. F. Smith.
11. Hebron—A. S. Armstrong and J. M. Whiddon.
12. Judson—J. W. Thomas, G. L. Fleming, J. S. Bird and S. J. Gissendanner.

13. Liberty—J. M. Watson and B. J. Waller.
14. Lawrenceville—W. L. McGee and S. J. Belcher.
15. Mt. Pleasant, (Barbour)—Not represented.
16. Mt. Pleasant, (Dale)—Aris Armstrong, J. H. Armstrong and J. A. Stephens.
17. Mt. Ariel—R. D. Richards, John Snead and F. B. Jernigan.
18. New Hope—W. Y. Fleming and E. N. Willis.
19. Oaky Grove—W. W. Kirkland and J. J. Whiddon.
20. Pleasant Grove—S. M. Singletary, Wm. G. Davison, D. W. Capps, J. H. Spivey and D. B. Sowell.
21. Pleasant Hill—John Culbreth and Alex. Strickland.
22. Sardis—C. Johnson and Dempsey Griffin.
23. Shorterville—A. J. Teague and Z. T. Miller.
24. Smyrna—T. J. Dawsey and W. F. Jordan.
25. Tolbert—H. L. Odom, H. M. White, J. W. Barnes, J. H. Willis and L. A. Baker.
26. Union—W. T. Platte and Jasper Bracken.
27. Enon—A. H. Taylor and W. A. Peacock.

ORGANIZATION.

The Association then proceeded to elect permanent officers to the body.

Brother Wm. L. McGee was called to the chair and Brother Foster made an earnest appeal to be excused this time, but for his fidelity to the cause, and ability to preside, the brethren would accept no excuse.

Brother J. W. Thomas moved to suspend the regular rules and elect the Moderator and Clerk by acclamation. The motion was carried, and Brother Foster was put in nomination for Moderator. A rising vote was had, and resulted unanimously in his favor. Under the same rule and order Brother W. A. McLendon was re-elected Clerk.

The Moderator and Clerk returned thanks, and on resuming the chair Brother Foster announced that the body was organized and was ready for business.

On motion the same order of business of the last session was adopted as the order to be observed at this session.

On motion one half hour was to be devoted to devotional exercises, after which the regular order of business was resumed.

1st. Call for petitionary letters. Received and read a letter from Enon Church. At this time Brother A. L. Ray moved to withdraw from Friendship and Adoniram Churches. The motion was ruled out of order. On motion the letter from Enon Church was laid over until to-morrow. A petitionary letter from Old Zion Church was presented, and there being some objections to its reception it was withdrawn.

2nd Invited visiting ministers to seats with us. Brothers W. C. T. Mosley, J. T. Dawson, H. L. Crumbly, E. M. Knowles and

B. J. Fordham presented themselves and their names were enrolled.

3rd. Call for correspondents, and received from the Columbia Association, Brothers E. M. Knowles, B. J. Fordham, I. Mendhiem and John Pearce. From the Bethel, (Ga.) H. L. Crumley. From the Evergreen, W. C. T. Mosley.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the Moderator appointed the committee on preaching: Armistead Armstrong, Angus Teague, M. M. Murphy and the messengers of Talbot Church.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30 a. m. to-morrow was carried.

The committee on preaching announced that Brother Mosley would preach at the church to-night. The long Doxology was sung. Benediction by Brother Aris Armstrong.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1889—8:30 A. M.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises was conducted by Brother H. L. Crumbly, by reading the 1st chap 1st Epistle of John. Brother Crumbly made some impressive remarks on the subject of abstaining from sin. The force and earnestness of his remarks on this important subject had such an effect upon the audience, that tears was seen to flow from the eyes of many. At the conclusion Brother Savell offered prayer.

REGULAR ORDER RESUMED.

5th. Call for the reading of the minutes On motion of Brother McGee the reading was dispensed with.

The following committees were appointed:

On Nominations—J. A. Stephens, E. A. Saunders and J. F. Boon.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—T. J. Dawsey, W. H. T. Smith and A. L. Ray.

On Publications—J. A. Campbell, C. V. Miller and S. M. Singletary

On Documents—J. H. Spivey, G. L. Fleming and E. N. Willis.

On Finance—Z. P. Miller, Jesse Braswell and F. B. Jernigan.

On motion the hours for meeting was fixed for 8 o'clock a. m., and 1 o'clock p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondence:
Eufaula Association—R. B. Lee.

Columbia Association—J. W. Thomas, S. A. Savell, A. J. Armstrong, Aris Armstrong, J. W. Foster and M. V. Capps.

Newton Association—D. E. Burdeshaw, A. L. Martin, W. L. McGee, A. L. Ray and W. G. Davison.

Brother Mosley stated that the next meeting of the Evergreen Association would be on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1890, and solicited correspondents from this Association, whereupon the Moderator appointed Brothers W. L. McGee, R. B. Lee and J. W. Herndon, as correspondents from this Association.

On motion the committee on nominations was requested to nominate delegates to the State Convention.

The regular order of business was suspended and Brother Ray asked leave to offer a resolution. Leave was granted, and the resolution is as follows:

In as much as there has been much confusion in our Association, and that confusion is of long standing and the opinion of the Association fixed, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Association withdraw from Friendship and Adoniram Churches as being in disorder and the Association withdraw without controversy.

Brother J. W. Thomas offered the following as a substitute for Brother Ray's resolution:

WHEREAS, There is great division and considerable feeling in this Association with respect to the propriety or legality of the action of two of our churches in maintaining that Brother S. A. Savell, is a regular minister without re-ordination and receiving his work as such, as a pastor, and otherwise, and

WHEREAS, All of our brethren on both sides have and are now acting in good faith, and

WHEREAS, There is no good reason why we should get up, or continue in a wrangle which may result in lasting division over a question of law. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the question involved in the case be and the same are hereby submitted to the judgement of a board of four disinterested men, ministers outside, who shall be named by the Executive Committee, the men so named to be men of piety and standing in the Baptist denomination and well versed in the law and history of the Baptist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That through the Executive Committee each side shall submit to said board a written statement of facts relied on and such argument as they deem proper.

Brother T. A. Trawick made a motion to table the substitute offered by Bro. Thomas. The motion was concurred in and the substitute was tabled.

Brother G. L. Flemming moved to table Brother Ray's resolution. A vote was taken and the motion to table was lost. The question recurring on the original resolution, a warm dis-

cussion ensued, the brethren maintaining the best of feeling for one another respecting each others conscience.

The Committee on Preaching announced that Brother Dawson would preach at the stand at this hour.

On motion the body adjourned.

Benediction by Brother R. B. Lee.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The messengers from Union Church being absent on the first call for letters from the churches presented a letter from that church, which was read and the messengers names enrolled.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

We the Committee on Preaching appoint Brother R. C. Deal, of the Newton Association to preach at the arbor at 3 o'clock.

To-night at 7:30 o'clock Brother S. J. Knowles. At 11 a. m., to-morrow Brother H. L. Crumley at the arbor, and Brother A. L. Martin at the same hour in the house.

Respectfully submitted,

A. ARMSTRONG Chairman.

The reading of Brother Ray's resolution was called for.

Brother Savell having the floor yielded to Brother J. W. Herndon for the purpose of reading a letter to the Association from Brother E. Herndon. After which Brother J. H. Spivey offered the following resolution: That action on Brother Ray's resolution be deferred until a thorough investigation commence at once and be continued until completed.

Brother Malone offered the following as an amendment: Provided that it be settled during this session of the Association.

The amendment was lost, and Brother Spivey's resolution prevailed.

Brother J. H. Spivey moved that only five minutes time be granted to those who desired to address the body on this subject, except Brothers Savell and Malone, and that they be allowed unlimited time.

Brother Foster asked the body to excuse him from the chair.

On motion the request was granted, and Brother W. L. McGee was called to the chair.

On motion of Brother Savell was allowed to open and close the argument.

On motion Brother A. L. Martin was allowed unlimited time to address the body.

Brother Savell proceeded to address the body in defense of Friendship and Adoniram churches, assuming that those churches was not out of order, by having a man for their pastor who had once been regularly ordained, and had been excluded from his

church in Georgia, afterwards joining Friendship, and that church setting him apart for the ministry without a re-ordination. Brother Savell argued that a re-ordination was unnecessary, quoting several authorities to prove his position. His argument was very forcible, and listened to by a large, attentive audience.

At the close of Brother Savells argument a motion was made to adjourn until 8:30 a. m., to-morrow.

Benediction by Brother Aris Armstrong.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 1889—8:30 A. M.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, Brother McGee in the chair.

Devotional exercise for half an hour was conducted by Brother E. M. Knowles. Read xxiii. Psalm. Sung "O for a Closer Walk With God." Prayer by Brother D. E. Burdeshaw. Sung "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Prayer by Brother R. B. Lee. Sung "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound." Prayer by Brother A. L. Martin.

Brother Foster in the chair.

Call for the reading of the minutes

Brother J. W. Thomas moved that the reading be deferred until the close of the session.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Brother A. J. Armstrong offered the following resolution knowing the illegibility of the proceedings in the Savell case: We hereby resolve that it all be discarded at once.

Liberty and Pleasant Hill churches asked for letters of dismission for the purpose of joining Columbia Association. On motion letters were granted.

The pending question before the body being the resolution offered by Brother A. J. Armstrong.

The addresses were made for and against the resolution. A vote was taken and the resolution was adopted.

Bethel, Lawrenceville, Pleasant Grove, Sardis, Smyrna and Fellowship churches asked for letters of dismission from the Association.

On motion letters were granted.

Brothers Campbell, Foster, Armstrong and J. B. Ward addressed the body deplored the action of those churches in withdrawing; depicting the damaging effect on the Association, and asking the brethren to reconsider, and withhold their request until a proper solution of the case could be made.

Brother M. V. Capps offered the following resolution:

That each church in conference of this Association (except

Friendship and Adoniram churches) appoint one of its members to act as a committee, to investigate the trouble, known as the Savell case and report to their churches the result.

Brother Savell addressed the body in opposition to the resolution. The motion was concurred in.

Brother J. W. Thomas moved that the report of the committee be accepted by the churches as final and that each church should abide by their decision. The motion was carried.

The churches that asked for letters of dismission, on account of this case withdrew their request and Brother Malone moved that the Association recind her action in granting letters of dismission to those churches. Motion carried.

Brother J. A. Stephens offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Judson Association ask and recommend that no church in its bounds receive an expelled member from any other church after this session unless it be a member from a church that is gone down and could not obtain membership otherwise.

Brother Malone offered the following amendment:

Except that a church is dormant or in disorder

The amendment was accepted and the resolution with the amendment was concurred in. (This however, is not to be binding—CLERK.)

Brother Campbell moved that the Clerk of each church inform the Moderator of the one appointed as a committee and that the Moderator appoint the time and place of meeting for the investigation of the Savell case. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS :

We, your Committee beg leave to offer the following report:

Brother S. J. Knowles to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session, Brother D. E. Burdeshaw alternate. Brother J. B. Ward to write the Circular Letter. Delegates to the State Convention M. V. Capps, W. J. Martin, W. L. McGee, Z. P. Miller, Wm. Phillips, J. F. Boon, Jackson Hodges, R. C. Granberry, T. J. Dawson and Aris Armstrong. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STEPHENS, Chairman.

On motion the rules was suspended and the present Executive Committee was re-elected by acclamation.

Regular order resumed.

Call for the report of the Executive Committee.

We, a majority of your Committee met at Abbeville, December 4th, 1888 and entered into a contract with Brother A. L. Martin to serve us as our evangelist within the bounds of the Associa-

tion at destitute places of worship, or such places in his judgment good might be accomplished, for the limited time of three months at the sum of \$50.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. WARD, Chairman.

On motion of Brother G. L. Fleming, Brother B. Henderson's letter to the Association is to be printed in the minutes.

The letter is as follows.

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1889.

To the Judson Association:

DEAR BRETHREN.—It has been eight long years since I last met you in the Association, and it is certain that I never shall meet you in another Association on earth. But during these eight long years, of affliction and confinement I have not forgotten your loving faces and kind favors that were toward me. I have not been with you in person for eight years, but in spirit I am the same. I cannot be with you at the present session in person, nor am I able to write this letter, but I will, as Paul did, dictate. Brethren, I desire for the preservation of my Association that I have labored for, for 30 years to make a short statement of what I know of Brother Savell. Having the evidence before me as I have given by eye witnesses, two of them my own sons and a goodly number of young men that have grown up under my administration, and are members of my church and churches. I did not hesitate to instruct my church to invite Brother Savell to come and take membership with us. But he would not present himself to the church until he consulted the entire membership. He also came to see me, and explained his case fully and asked my advice on the subject. My advice was, under the circumstances, we should, could and must receive him into Friendship Church in his full gospel functions. I also in the presence of Rev. J. W. Herndon, gave him the Right-Hand of fellowship. I could not get to the church on the day of his reception. Rev. J. H. Corley and Rev. J. W. Herndon was present and indorsed the action of the church, and the action of Friendship Church was indorsed by a majority of Adoniram Church. Furthermore, I want to say that I have belonged to the Baptist family fifty-six years and I have not known one case where a minister was disciplined without first getting all the council that was in reach of the church. There is some historic cases where churches presumed to discipline a minister within and of herself, but she always got into trouble. In the language of Dr. Pendleton: "To depose one of God's watchman is like the extinction of a star, it spreads calamity all around." In conclusion I must say, as to re-ordination, I never in all my life heard of such a thing. There is not an intimation

in the New Testament, and that is the man of my council. Brethren, this is my last communication on this earth with you. I ask you to use the Constitution we have left you. I refer you especially to the 9th Art., and say you should enforce the law that is contained in it in your present troubles. The violators of law must suffer the penalty. I feel that our great and loving family have suffered enough. Please return to the old landmarks and save desolation.

Meet me in Heaven. Please spread this on your minutes as a memorial for me.

B. HERNDON.

Call for the report on Missions. The regular order was suspended and Brother A. L. Martin read the report of his work as an evangelist, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

I make this my report to you my brethren, according to contract with your committee. I entered upon my work as soon as the weather would permit. Have worked 79 days, visited all the churches except two, these I have promised to visit. I set one time to visit them, but my health would not permit. I am very much encouraged with our future prospect for I think, with others, that we are becoming more of oneness in the doctrines. At this time there seems to be much confusion, more than ever I knew in the Judson before, but offenses must come, so let us accept the situation and prayerfully look to God for direction, for behind the angry cloud there may be waiting and smiling faces which will inspire new life in all of us in every good work. But at home and in foreign lands the call has come for help. Oh my Father, make us to feel the great responsibility that rests on us as the witnesses of Christ, remembering that duty is ours, but blessings of good, remembering that when the truth goes forth God says it shall not return unto him void. I notice some of our churches are not keeping up Sabbath Schools, but hope they will awake to this good work, for I do observe where the Sabbath School is kept up there seems to be more life and interest in the cause in general.

A. L. MARTIN.

On motion the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Benediction by Brother Aris Armstrong.

Promptly at 2 o'clock p. m., the Moderator called the body to order. Prayer by Brother Malone.

Brother Savell rose and said that if he had said anything in his argument this morning that had offended any of the brethren he did not so intend it, and that he was sorry if such was the case.

Regular order of business was resumed and the Moderator called for the reading of the Circular Letter.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Brother S. S. Knowles being absent sick, the Circular Letter

was read by the Moderator and was adopted as follows:

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, of all men we are the most miserable." Subject as the Christian is to many sacrifices and often to severe persecutions on earth, if he were not sustained and comforted by a hope beyond the tomb he would be the most wretched and pitiable of men. The hope of endless rest lightens the toils and burdens of life. The storm tossed mariner in the darkest hour of peril is cheered by the prospect of reaching his destined port. Hope buoyant hope, whispers this tempest will be still. These clouds will be dispelled, and soon the smiles and embrace of loved ones will make amends for all this toil and danger. We are navigating the sea of life, storms, whirlpools and breakers abound in this ocean. How cheerless and melancholly would his lot be had he no hope of reaching the haven of security and rest. This hope the christian enjoys. He posseses good hope, through grace. The hope of an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away. A hope founded on divine promises. A hope which is an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast.

A hope so much divine
May trial well endure,

The love in the heart. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. It is not easy to explain fully the nature of this operation. It may be experienced but not described. It is a sense of divine favor produced by the indwelling influence of the Holy Spirit. Filling the heart with gratitude. Love and joy we know by sweet experience that the Kingdom of God is not only righteousness, but peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. He has fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. He has a light, a joy, a tranquility, a rapture and an elevation above the world, which could be found no where else. How delightful was the hour when first with a heart crushed by a sense of its vileness and guilt he trusted in Jesus. Saw his fullness and glory, felt his pardoning love, and with unutterable affection devoted himself to his service. The christian may in after years lament the absence of that ardent affection, and lively joy which characterized his conversion to Christ.

But if he has less ardor, he has more stability and if less joy, he has more tranquility.

Dear brethren with such sources of consolation open to us we may well endure all the ills of life. Let us keep the prize of our high calling before us, a pleasant service and unfailing source of consolation here; with a glorious reward hereafter should surely satisfy us. May the peace of God which passeth

all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SAMUEL J. KNOWLES.

Call for the report on State Missions. The report was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee presents the following report: We rejoice to believe that our own State, so highly favored by God, that his blessed gospel has well nigh reached its borders, for which we ought to feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father for this great blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. FLEMMING, Chairman.

Call for the report on Home Missions.

The report was read and adopted as follows: We, your committee beg leave to report, that we find there is a good work being done in this direction and would insist on our brethren to aid in this great and glorious work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. MILLER, Chairman.

Call for the report on Foreign Missions.

The committee announced that they were not ready to report and on motion that committee was continued for the next session.

While on the subject of Missions, Brothers A. L. Martin, S. A. Savell and H. L. Crumbly delivered able addresses for the cause of Missions, endeavoring to arouse to a greater extent the spirit of Missions in the Judson Baptist Association. At the conclusion of their remarks a collection was taken up for the benefit of Sister Rogers and Brother I. Mendheim of the Columbia Association. \$25.10 was collected and on motion the amount was to be equally divided between them. Pledges were called for, for State Missions and the following pledges were taken:

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES

J. W. Foster,	\$5 00
D. W. Capps,.....	2 50
W. A. McLendon,.....	1 00
W. H. Capps,.....	1 00
W. G. Davison, (Paid).....	1 00
W. W. Nobles, (Paid).....	1 00
R. W. Miller,.....	1 00
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	\$12 50

The money that was paid in was turned over to the Treasurer.

CHURCH PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Abbeville.....	\$10 00	Hebron.....	\$3 00
Beulah.....	5 00	Mt. Pleasant (Dale)....	3 00
Christain Grove.....	1 00	Hew Hope.....	2 50
Center.....	2 50	Pleasant Grove.....	10 00
Concord.....	3 00	Shorterville.....	5 00
Fellowship.....	5 00	Tolbert.....	3 00
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	\$26 50		\$26 50

The letter from Enon Church asking membership with us was again presented, and on motion Enon Church was received into this Association.

On motion of Brother Thomas, the Clerk was allowed \$25.00 for his services.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report:

We, your Committee on Temperance make the following report: From the best information we can get, we find but little whiskey sold in the country, but the cities still sell it. We further think that whiskey is the cause of half the trouble in our chircles. We recommend that pastors of churches preach more on temperance.

ARIS ARMSTONG,
S. J. BELCHER, }
R. B. LEE, } Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is an admitted fact, by all investigators of the subject, that education, in its true sense, is one of the grandest principles in which we can be deeply and earnestly interested. This is clearly demonstrated all over our country. It does not save the soul, but it helps to add those christian graces which should characterize all who are brought to the newness of life by the Holy Spirit, as well as to raise our people, as a mass, above the polluted and vulgar quagmires of sin. A feeling of great interest should be aroused to support all our schools and colleges, more for the sake of our Master's cause than for the common interest of our country. Your committee is very much impressed with the necessity of higher ministerial education. While education does not make the preacher, all admit that it better fits and bualifies him to expound the rich gospel of saving mercy.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MILLER,
JOHN CAPPES, }
D. G. TRAWICK, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee on publications beg leave to make the following report: We find that there are several papers published in the Baptist cause, differing somewhat in opinions, therefore we suggest that the brethren use their own discretion in the selection of literature of that description.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. CAMPBELL,
S. M. SINGLETON, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your committee beg leave to report, that after inquiry among our brethren, we find that the good Lord has preserved our Ministers and Deacons, and that no deaths have occurred among them since our last session.

A. L. RAY,
W. H. T. SMITH, }
T. J. DAWSEY, } Committee.

The report was adopted,

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee report that from the best information that we can get, we find that the Sabbath School cause is not very promising. We find only seven churches report Sabbath Schools. We recommend that the pastors and deacons work more zealously in the cause of Sabbath Schools. We feel that by so doing the cause will be more prosperous in the future.

D. E. BURDESHAW, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We make the following report: We find that in 1887 this Association did consume ten dollars belonging to Sister Rogers, and we recommend that this Association refund that amount to Sister Rogers with interest from that date. We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Pleasant Grove Church Location five and a half miles west of Abbeville. Commencing on Friday before the First Sabbath in Oct. 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. WILLIS,
J. H. SPIVEY, }
G. L. FLEMING, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

Brother J. B. Ward read the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. B. Ward Treasurer in account with Judson Association.

1887.	DR.	
October 4th,	To amount on hand from 1887....	\$ 8 05
" " "	Cash received from Finance Committee	256 55
" " "	Cash on individual pledges recorded in minutes.....	4 00
" " "	Cash on Sunday collections....	19 90
	Total	\$288 50
1888.	CR.	
October 9th	By cash paid Bro A. L. Martin on work during 1888.....	\$153 20
" " "	Cash to Bro. Hartley.....	3 30
" " "	Cash to Bro. W. A. McLendon	25 00
" " "	Cash to Bro I. Mendhiem.....	3 30
" " "	Cash to Bro. B. Herndon.....	3 30
" " "	Cash to Sister Rogers.....	3 30
1889.	By Cash paid for printing minutes.....	36 00
" March 3rd,	Paid to Bro. Martin.....	50 00
" " "	Paid for distributing minutes..	1 15
" " "	Paid to Sister Whiddon.....	3 30
	Total	\$281 85
	Amount on hand to balance	\$6 65

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

FINANCE REPORT.

We, the Committee on Finance, make the following report:

For Minutes.....	\$28 35
Individual Pledges redeemed.....	48 00
Church Pledges redeemed.....	89 50
Associational Purposes.....	9 65
For Brother Herndon.....	9 00
For Sister Hall.....	2 00
For Sister Rogers.....	2 00
Total.....	\$188 50

On motion the employing of an evangelist for the next year, was left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Brother J. W. Thomas, who was appointed to write to the churches on missions, said that he had not done so and on motion Brother Thomas was continued on that committee.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Brother Thomas which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and that they be tendered to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of Tolbert Church for their bountiful hospitality toward us during the present session of this Association.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The business of the Association being completed, on motion the body adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Church in her Fortieth Session, on Sunday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1890. The long doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Brother A. L. Martin.

W. A. McCLENDON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Postoffices.	Names.	Postoffices.
A. L. Martin.....	Abbeville	J. W. Malone.....	Wesley
S. A. Savel.....	Wesley	J. W. Herndon...	Shorterville
B. Herndon.....	Shorterville	R. B. Lee.....	Eufaula
J. W. Knowles.....	Bracken	Moses Bracken.....	Bracken
Aris Armstrong.....	Headland	S. J. Knowles.....	Headland
D. E. Burdeshaw.....	Kincey	A. Daughety.....	Cowart's
S. T. Spivey.....	Dothen	S. W. Lock.....	Headland

LICENTIATES.

Names.	Postoffices.	Names	Postoffices.
J. A. Campbell.....	Headland	John Mann.....	Strickland
John M. Whiddon...	Headland	J. T. Barnes.....	Bracken
A. L. Ray,			

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—A. J. Teague, W. F. Mills and Z. P. Miller.

Home Missions—Armstead Armstrong, S. M. Singletary and D. W. Capps

Foreign Missions—W. L. McGee, S. J. Belcher and N. L. Hawley.

To Open Discussions on Missions—A. L. Martin.

Education—J. S. Espy, G. B. Weaver and M. V. Capps.

To Open Discussion—R. W. Miller.

Temperance—J. J. Boyett, W. A. Herndon and J. A. Stephens.

To Open Discussion—A. L. Ray.

Aged and Indigent Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers—T. J. Dawsey, R. B. Lee and R. D. Richards.

Sabbath Schools—R. C. Granberry, B. W. Herring and Wm. Phillips.

To Open Discussion—J. A. Campbell.

Publications—E. N. Willis, C. Johnson and H. L. Odom.

To Write Circular Letter—J. B. Ward.

To Write to the Churches on Missions—J. W. Thomas.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

—OF THE—

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, and equal in divine perfection.

ART. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. V. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. VI. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. VIII. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under, shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty members; three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty, and not two hundred members, four messengers; and so on in graduation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches, before they take their seats.

ART. III. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. IV. The Association shall not interfere with rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all mat-

ters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming an authority, except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she, nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending His Kingdom of Grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means, in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association,

ART. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by their sending up their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. VI. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association, written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minutely accordingly.

ART. VII. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. IX. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration, and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. XI. This Association, which convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; Provided such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

RECORD OF TWENTY-SIX SESSIONS OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

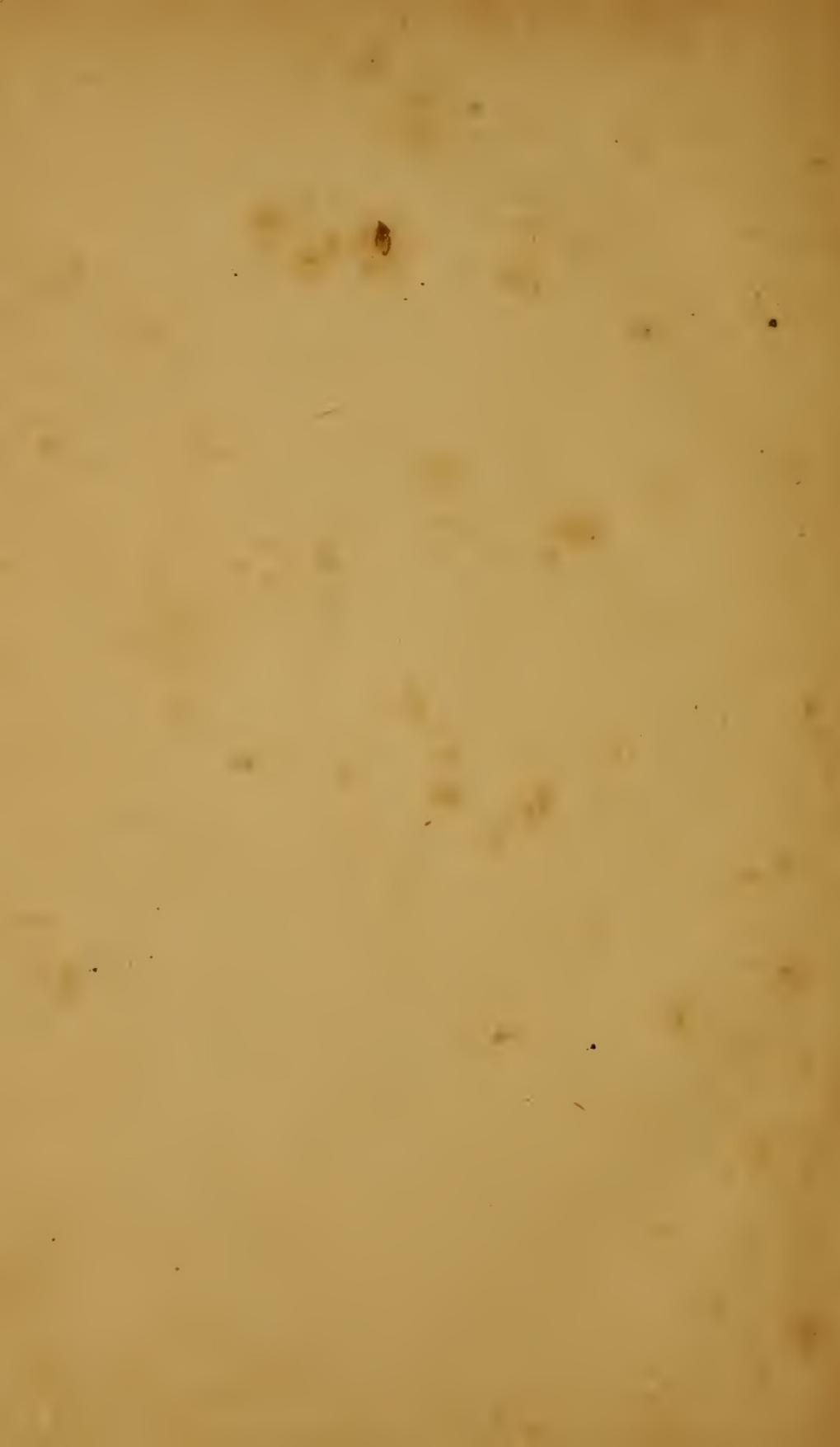
MODERATOR.	CLERKS.	Introductory Sermons.	Missionary Sermons.	Place of Meeting.	Finance Report.	
					Date.	Reported.
8	1858 E. Cody	W. B. Lacy.....	Daniel Cumbie.....	J. B. Taylor.....	\$ 474.25	379
10	1860 E. Cody.....	E. Brooks.....	Daniel Cumbie.....	J. B. Taylor.....	317.35	291
11	1861 E. Cody.....	H. W. B. Price.....	W. P. Bryan.....	C. Smith.....	351.66	81
12	1864 P. M. Calloway	H. W. B. Price.....	D. Rogers.....	L. R. Sims.....		
13	1865 P. M. Calloway.....	E. Brooks.....				
14	1868 L. R. Sims.....	J. R. Morris.....				
15	1869 L. R. Sims.....	Nat. Pace.....	A. L. Martin.....	E. M. Galloway.....	186.00	235
19	1870 L. R. Sims.....	Jas. H. Morris.....	L. R. Sims.....	R. W. Preast.....	347.85	174
20	1872 L. R. Sims.....	J. L. Williams.....	L. R. Sims.....	E. Langley.....	185.20	*
22	1873 L. R. Sims.....	D. Rogers.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	P. Langley.....	277.50	149
23	1874 L. R. Sims.....	D. Rogers.....	A. L. Martin.....	Pilgrim's Rest.....	144.95	170
24	1875 L. R. Sims.....	D. Rogers.....	A. L. Martin.....	Bethel.....	111.65	169
25	1876 L. R. Sims.....	D. Rogers.....	A. L. Martin.....	Walnut Grove.....	246.00	163
26	1877 L. R. Sims.....	D. Rogers.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	Pleasant Grove.....	132.20	100
27	1878 L. R. Sims.....	D. Rogers.....	W. M. Knowles.....	P. M. Calloway.....	239.30	254
28	1879 L. R. Sims.....	D. Rogers.....	L. R. Sims.....	Shorterville.....		
29	1880 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	A. L. Martin.....	Pleasant Plains.....	165.60	90
30	1881 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	A. L. Martin.....	Columbia.....	110.25	152
31	1882 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	L. R. Sims.....	E. Langley.....	426.05	108
32	1883 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	D. Rogers.....	Abbeville.....	259.35	98
33	1884 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	A. P. Ashurst.....	A. P. Ashurst.....	255.80	115
34	1885 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	A. L. Martin.....	P. M. Calloway.....	212.00	124
35	1886 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	J. W. Malone.....	A. P. Ashurst.....	261.50	162
36	1887 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	W. M. Branum.....	A. L. Blizzard.....	327.50	152
37	1888 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	G. A. Nunnally.....	M. B. Beau.....	167.30	113
38	1889 J. W. Foster.....	D. Rogers.....	D. D. W. N. Martin.....	Bethel.....	139.60	16
39			G. A. Nunnally.....	J. W. Malone.....	155.50	164
			J. L. Martin.....	N. C. Underwood.....	188.50	124
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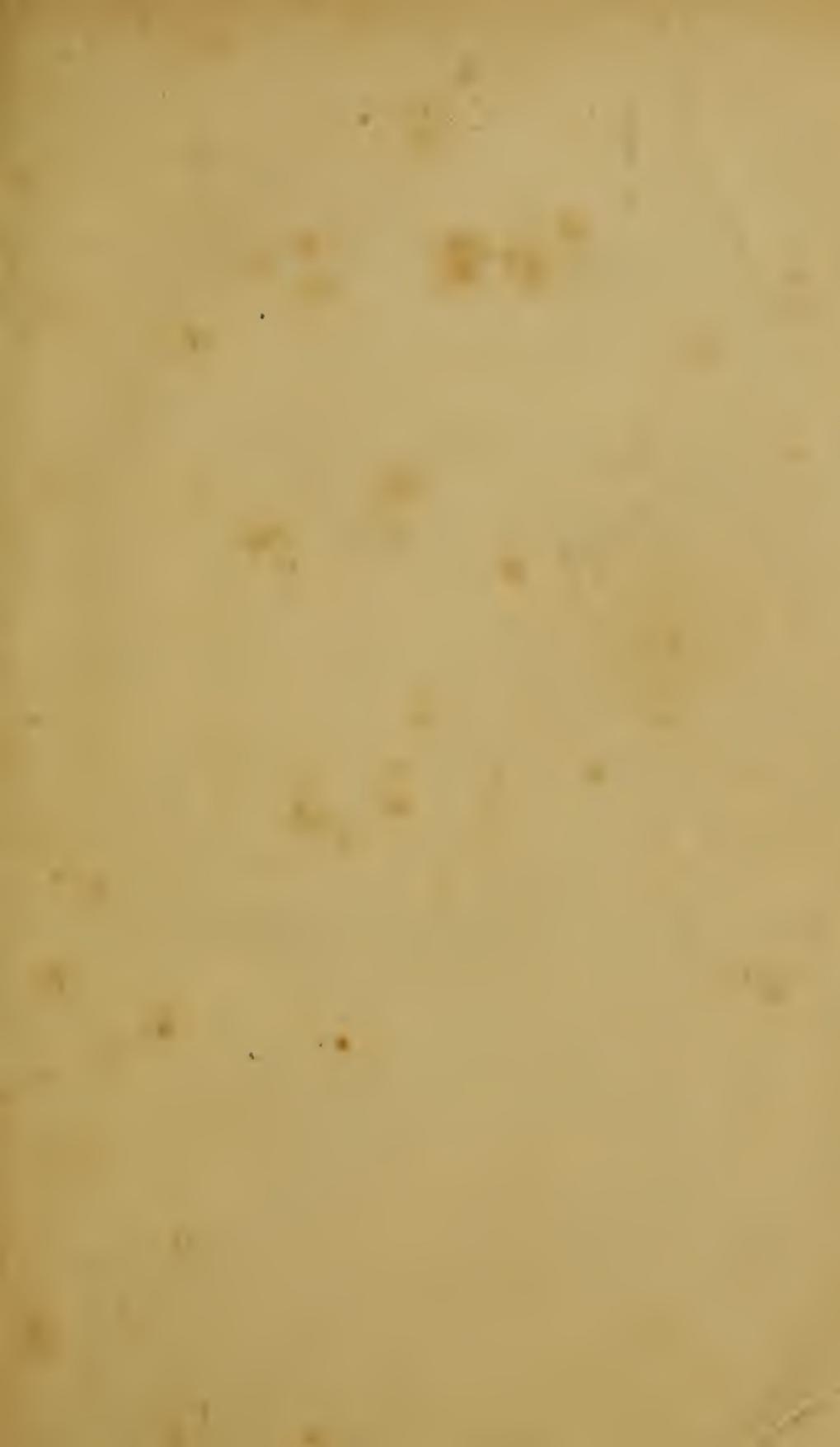
The Clerk made every effort to get a full file of Minutes, but the above is all that could be obtained.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters
2. Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
3. Call for Correspondents.
4. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5. Appoint Committee on Nominations.
6. Appoint Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7. Appoint Committee on Publications.
8. Appoint Committee on Documents.
9. Appoint a Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange the hours of Meeting and Adjourn.
11. Appoint Correspondents.
12. Elect Delegates to State Convention.
13. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
14. Call for the Report of Executive Committee
15. Call for the Circular Letter.
16. Call for the Report on Missions (A) State, (B) Home, (C) Foreign.
17. Call for the Report on Temperance.
18. Call for the Report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Deceased Ministers' Families.
19. Call for the Report on Sabbath Schools.
20. Call for the Colporteur's Report.
21. Call for the Treasurer's Report.
22. Call for the Report on Education.
23. Call for the Report on Publications.
24. Call for the Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
25. Call for the Letter to the Churches on Missions.
26. Call for Report on Nominations.
27. Call for report on Documents.
28. Arrange Time and Place for Next Session.
29. Call for the Report on Finance.
30. Appoint Standing Committees:
 - On State Missions,
 - On Home Missions,
 - On Foreign Missions,
 - On Sabbath Schools,
 - On Education,
 - On Temperance,
 - On Aged and Indigent Ministers,
 - On Church Building Fund.
31. Appoint a Brother to write to the Churches on Missions.
32. Read Minutes.
33. Adjourn.
~~15~~ Fifteen minutes allotted for miscellaneous business at the opening of each session.

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